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Friends of International Students (FIS)

Host Program Newsletter

Winter 2018 - Notes from ISSS; Reminders; Important Dates; Upcoming Local Events; FIS Story Corner

Notes from ISSS

Winter Term was a chance for students to take classes in a wide variety of academic areas including the arts, humanities, languages, sciences and more. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy some engaging and fun workshops on topics such as the art of tea, photography, Japanese boat building, swing dance, juggling and kombucha brewing. Other students were off campus pursuing internships. It's definitely an exciting time at Middlebury!

We hope you are able to spend time with your student this winter. During this snowy season students truly appreciate a home-cooked meal or a day trip to a nearby destination with their host family. Students have a short break before spring term begins so if your student plans to stay on campus, this is a perfect time to make plans. The break starts the night of Friday, February 2, and Spring Term classes will begin the morning of Monday, February 12. See our **Upcoming Local Events** section for ideas

On February 7, six new international students will arrive for our Early Arrival Program for February students ("Febs"). This small group of students are from Brazil, Canada, China, the Netherlands, the Maldives and Thailand. We are excited to make their acquaintance and introduce them to our lovely community.

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in hosting a student during our upcoming winter matching. If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a student in the fall, please let us know at iss@middlebury.edu.

Soon, we will be emailing our **Current Host Directory** to those hosts who wanted to participate. We hope that it becomes a useful resource to brainstorm ideas, or to connect with other hosts for an activity with your students. Enjoy!



Reminders

Host Information Changes

Please keep us posted if you have any address, phone or email changes so we can keep our records up-to-date. Don't miss out on important FIS program information!

Student Employment Restrictions

With very few exceptions, international students in the U.S. in F-1 student or J-1 exchange visitor visa status (which describes most of Middlebury's international students) are not allowed to work off-campus during the academic year. To accept off-campus employment related to their major during vacation periods, international students in F-1 status would need to make a special application (3–4 month application procedure that currently costs \$410). Unfortunately, this means that house sitting, babysitting, pet sitting, etc. for pay are not options for most international students. Internships during the summer are possible, but require advance planning. ISSS offers workshops to inform students of the employment authorization application process. More information can be found on the ISSS website [here](#). Please encourage your student to attend these important sessions. It is helpful for students to attend a session early on so they are aware of the process and the steps involved well in advance of the opportunity they seek.

Important Dates

February Break

Break will begin after the last Winter Term class on Friday, February 2, and classes will resume on the morning of Monday, February 12. Some students will be on campus at this time and others will be travelling with friends or taking advantage of Middlebury's Alternative Break Program (MAlt). Read more about the program at: <http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/creativity-innovation-exploration/engagement-careers/community-engagement/malt>.

Winter Carnival

Our 95th Annual Winter Carnival, the oldest student-run Winter Carnival in the nation, kicks off with fireworks on Thursday evening, February 22 and continues until Sunday, February 25 with a wide variety of activities. As part of the special weekend, students have the day off from classes on Friday, February 23 to participate in Carnival activities. Come join us! <http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/annual-events/winter-carnival>

Spring Break

The break will begin after the last class on Friday, March 23 and classes will resume on the morning of Monday, April 2. Some students may go away during spring break, traveling with friends or visiting their families. Others may stay on campus so this may be another great time to make plans with your student.



Upcoming Local Events

All of these events are free and no tickets are required...

Paul Asbell Performs Steel String Americana

Saturday, February 17, 8-10 p.m., Mahaney Center for the Arts, Robison Concert Hall

A musical performance that uniquely blends blues, jazz and American roots music.

http://www.middlebury.edu/events/calendar_of_events

Changing Poles with Global Impacts

Thursday, March 1, 7-8:30 p.m., McCardell Bicentennial Hall 216

The 2018 Scott A. Margolin '99 Lecture in Environmental Affairs presented by Robin Bell, PGI Lamont Research Professor at Columbia University

This lecture discusses current environmental changes in the polar regions.

http://www.middlebury.edu/events/calendar_of_events

Power and Piety: Spanish Colonial Art

March 2-April 22, Middlebury College Museum of Art

An exhibition featuring paintings, sculptures, furniture and other decorative objects from colonial Latin America.

<http://museum.middlebury.edu/exhibitions/upcoming/node/1998>

Timothy Cummings and Guests

Sunday, March 11, 4-7 p.m., McCullough Student Center, Wilson Hall

This year's St. Patrick's Day celebration features the music and dance of Ireland and Brittany. Audience participation is encouraged!

http://www.middlebury.edu/events/calendar_of_events

Migration of Memory: Annu Palakunnathu Matthew

Thursday, April 12, 4:30-6, Mahaney Center for the Arts 125

Annu will present her photo-based work influenced by her experiences of having been born in England, raised in India and now living in the United States.

http://www.middlebury.edu/events/calendar_of_events

Middle East Policy Lecture

Thursday, April 19, 4:30-6 p.m., Robert A. Jones Conference Room

A lecture by journalist Ahmed Rashid that aims to promote an understanding of contemporary politics, economics and security of the Middle East.

http://www.middlebury.edu/events/calendar_of_events

Spring Student Symposium

Friday, April 20, 2018, McCardell Bicentennial Hall and other locations on campus

The 2018 Spring Student Symposium highlights the academic and creative endeavors of our students through oral presentations, performances, artwork and readings. Many international students will present their research and they would love to have you there to support them.

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/resources/ctrl/students/uro/symposium>

Hirshfield International Film Series

Come to the Dana Auditorium on Saturdays at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. to enjoy fabulous foreign and independent films.

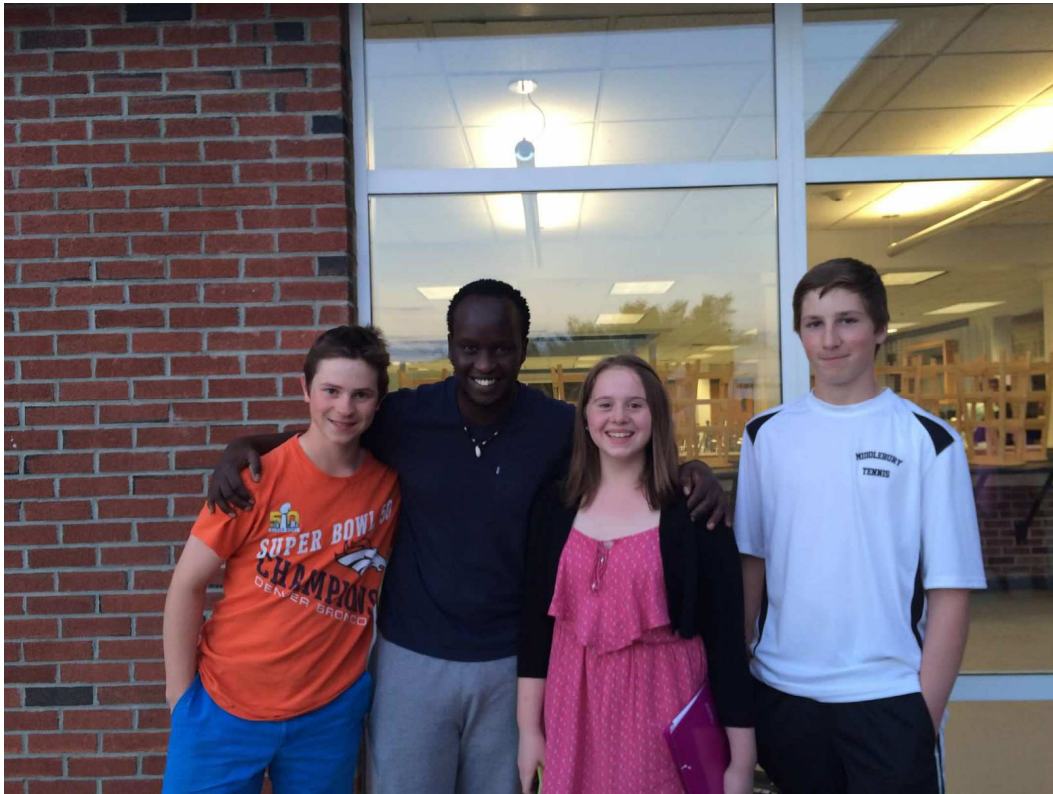
<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/fmmc/hirschfield/2016-2017>

Find other exhibitions, performances and events at the College by clicking on the following links:

- **The College Calendar:** <http://www.middlebury.edu/events>
- **Middlebury College Museum of Art:** <http://museum.middlebury.edu/>
- **Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs:**
<http://www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/events>
- **Addison County Chamber of Commerce:**
<http://www.addisoncounty.com/pages/calendar.asp?content=events>
- **More area events:** <http://www.sevendaysvt.com/>

FIS Story Corner

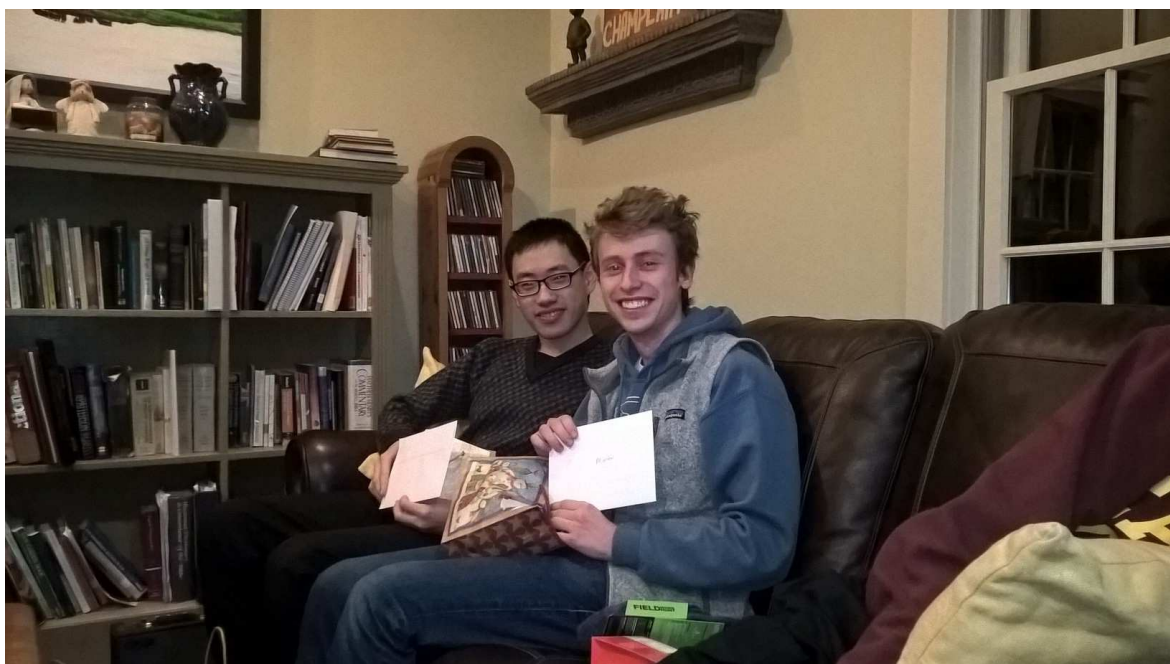
Thank you to hosts who have shared these memorable moments with us. Enjoy!
Send your stories and photos to us anytime at iss@middlebury.edu



Gad Kibet '19 enjoyed a concert at Middlebury Union High School with his host siblings Devon and Amanda and their friend Spencer. Pictured (left to right) are Devon, Gad, Amanda and Spencer.



Gebre Dagnew '21 was all smiles for his host Amy Holbrook when they met up last fall on campus.



Lambus Li '21 (left) and Martin Troska '21 (right) enjoyed the Christmas holiday with their hosts, The Praamsma Family.



Flor Montes '21 spent the Christmas holiday with her host family and enjoyed playing board games, sharing delicious food and making some traditional gingerbread houses. Pictured (left to right) are Elizabeth, Flor, Brian, Zachary and Sophie.



Pictured here (left to right) are Sophie, Elizabeth, Flor Montes '21 and Zachary.

We appreciate the ongoing love and support you give to our international students. Thank you.



Enjoy the spring term and keep in touch!

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